

REMARKS

With the entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 18-41 are now pending in the application. Favorable consideration is requested.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect the Group II claims, i.e., claims 18-23. Applicants have deleted claims 1-17 without prejudice and while preserving their right to file a divisional application.

Applicants have also added new claims 24-41, which are method claims that have been drafted to include the limitations of the magnetic memory device, which has been elected as the Group II claims.

Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit a notice to that effect.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, the undersigned may be contacted at 703-816-4009.

Respectfully submitted,

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